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TO: Each Supervisor

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SUBJECT: **CAMP WILLIAM MENDENHALL DISTURBANCE**

This is to advise your Board of a disturbance that occurred at Camp Mendenhall on Monday, April 18, 2011 at approximately 8:45 pm. At the time of the incident, ninety-three (93) minors were in the dorm living area and were completing their shower period. Preliminary information indicates that the incident may have been racially motivated as a minor was heard yelling out "Sur" (fight call for Southern gang members) when the seven (7) to thirteen (13) minors from a single wing left their bed area and began fighting. There were thirteen (13) minors escorted out of the dorm. The minors who were not involved responded to staff instruction and remained in their bed area.

There were six (6) staff on duty with four (4) staff assigned to supervise the area where the incident occurred. Camp staff quickly quelled the incident. No outside law enforcement assistance was required.

Minors involved in the incident were examined and cleared by medical staff and no further medical treatment is required at this time. One staff complained of back discomfort. For safety and security reasons and pending investigation, seven (7) minors were removed to the Special Housing Unit (SHU).

Further investigation is pending and I will apprise the Board of any new information as it becomes available.

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c: Honorable Michael Nash, Presiding Judge of the Juvenile Court
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